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The replacement for claim 10 resulted from the following changes:

10. [The apparatus of Claim 9] Apparatus for providing end-to-end source (Amended) 1 route information to source and destination end stations coupled to respective local and re-2 mote source-route bridge (SRB) subnetworks of a data link switching (DLSw) network, the 3 local and remote SRB subnetworks including respective local and remote DLSw peer devices 4 that communicate over an intermediate wide area network (WAN) in accordance with DLSw 5 routing information field (RIF) passthru functionality, the apparatus comprising: 6 a memory for storing a plurality of capability message data structures exchanged 7 among the DLSw peer devices to determine whether the peer devices support DLSw RIF 8 passthru functionality, wherein a first of the plurality of message data structures comprises a 9 DLSw RIF passthru exchange vector that indicates whether the DLSw peer devices support 10 DLSw RIF passthru functionality; 11 a processor coupled to the memory and configured to process the message data 12 structures; and 13 a network adapter coupled to the processor and memory for transmitting and receiv-14 ing the message data structures to and from the WAN. 15